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## **HOGSETT ANNOUNCES FILING OF GUN CHARGES AGAINST AN EVANSVILLE ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Ricky Dillard (a.k.a. Ricky Rolack), 45, of Evansville, has been charged with four gun-related crimes stemming from the May 2, 2011, burglary of the Fares Loan and Pawn in Evansville. The charges are the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Evansville Police Department.

"I have made it a priority of this office to combat violent crime by working with local law enforcement to identify the 'worst of the worst' for federal prosecution," Hogsett said. "The allegations involved in this case, and the criminal history of the defendant, are exactly what this initiative is designed to address."

On May 2, 2011, at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Evansville Police Department was dispatched to a burglary that occurred at Fares Loan and Pawn. The culprits forced entry into the business and stole three firearms and some jewelry. All of Dillard's federal charges are the result of his alleged involvement in carrying out this crime. Dillard's alleged accomplice is facing separate state charges for his role.

According to Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office affidavits, upon exiting the building, Dillard reportedly scuffled with a bystander, striking him with a stolen handgun before pointing the weapon at the witness and fleeing the scene. A search by a K9 unit led officers to a room at the Sunset Motel, where Dillard and several reportedly stolen items were located.

Dillard is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm; stealing firearms from a federal firearms licensee (FFL); brandishing a firearm in furtherance of committing a crime of violence; and knowingly possessing stolen firearms. According to the grand jury indictment, Dillard's criminal history includes ten felony convictions, including attempted aggravated robbery, assault, and aggravated burglary.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthias D. Onderak, who is prosecuting the case for the government, due to Dillard's criminal history, he faces a mandatory minimum of 15 years in prison if he is convicted. Dillard faces a maximum sentence of life without parole, and a maximum fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled in Evansville before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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